

REPORT OF THE ASSESSING OFFICE

The Town now has a full-time assessor as reported last year. The assessing office has been busy with the mandatory assessment review from the Department of Revenue.

The Department of Revenue reviews towns and cities every fifth year for accuracy and RSA compliance. 2005 was Alton's year for this review. The preliminary reports of their review of the assessing procedures and functions are very positive.

We have just completed a town-wide update for 2005. The assessor himself, using the Vision software program, did this in house. All went smoothly. The assessor met with several property owners with questions and reviews of their property values.

The new values for the year 2005 were based on market value as of April 1, 2005.

These values can be viewed by going to www.visionappraisal.com Click the on line database access. Proceed to the NH website. Click on Alton, which is the first one listed. Follow the remaining instructions. This can be viewed by street name, owners name, or the map, block and lot information. There is also a link to this site from the Alton web page www.alton.nh.gov following the same instructions. Please keep in mind that this is for *informational* purposes only and *not* an official document. The official assessment card can be obtained at the assessing office in the town hall.

Anyone wishing to apply for the veterans' tax credit and or elderly exemptions must do so by April 15, 2006. This also applies for the current use application.

We are here to assist all property owners with questions or concerns of their values, help with current use issues, intent to cuts and excavation, as well as the veterans' credit and elderly exemptions. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. You can reach us at 875-2176 or visit us in person at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Sargent C.N.H.A.
Alton Assessor

2005 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSING OFFICE

ASSESSMENT VALUES:

A.	Total of Taxable Land		\$917,909,359
	Residential Land	\$892,795,793	
	Commercial/Industrial Land	\$ 22,935,475	
	Land in Current Use	\$ 2,071,744	
	Conservation Land	\$ 106,347	
B.	Total of Taxable Buildings		\$530,276,700
	Residential Buildings	\$495,402,750	
	Commercial/Industrial Buildings	\$ 22,742,250	
	Manufactured Housing	\$ 12,131,700	
C.	Total of Public Utilities		\$4,391,200
D.	Total of Exemptions		\$1,844,900
	Blind (2)	\$ 30,000	
	Elderly (30)	\$1,810,000	
	Alternative Energy Exemption (1)	\$ 4,900	
E.	Total Veterans Credit		\$185,450
	Veterans Tax Credit of \$500 (349)	\$ 174,250	
	Permanently Disabled \$1,400 (8)	\$ 11,200	

NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED: \$1,450,732,359 (2005)
 5 year tax rate history of Alton

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Town:	4.60	4.59	4.41	4.36	2.76
County:	1.62	4.67	1.93	2.11	1.21
School:	4.11	4.57	5.83	6.64	3.88
State:	4.45	1.83	4.67	3.88	2.42
Total:	14.78	15.66	16.84	16.99	10.27
Tax Ratio:	100%	81%	67%	62%	undetermined
Tax Rate:	14.78	15.66	16.84	16.99	10.27

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Sargent, Certified New Hampshire Assessor
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